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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No. 01-1023-G)

In re Application of: B. Frank et al Group Art Unit: 1635 Serial No.: 08/901,612 RECEIVED

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Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed on June 1, 2001. With this two-month extension, applicants' response is due by November 1, 2001. The requisite extension fee of \$200.00 accompanies this petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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